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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed March 22, 2007 in the above application.

A revised response to the Office Action of July 13, 2006 is attached. It is believed that the discussion of claims 23, 27, 30, 31 and 32 and the prior art of record on page 9 of the response now clearly identifies how these claims are patentable over the prior art of record.

Favourable reconsideration of the action and allowance of the application are therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 in the above-noted application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.